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Honolulu Liquor Commission Issues Decision and Order Allowing partiallyconsumed bottles of wine to be taken home from licensed establishments

- Commission also fines Da Dawg House Waikiki, Youre Place, Pon's Nong Khai Thai Restaurant & Bar & Karaoke Lounge, Club Adroom, Emerald City and Club Gary's, Club Colorful and New Renaissance -

HONOLULU (Aug 8, 2003)—The Honolulu Liquor Commission took the following actions at its sixth meeting of the fiscal year on Aug. 7, 2003.

The Commission approved a Petition for Declaratory Order on HRS 281-31(q) and issued a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision and Order that allows a bona fide restaurant, hotel, club, cabaret and brewpub liquor licensee *the option* to allow or disallow a patron to remove a partially-consumed bottle from the licensed establishment. The Commission's Declaratory Order created a very narrowly defined exception and is premised on the requirements set forth by the State Legislature in Act 49, Session Laws of Hawaii 2002; Hawaii Revised Statutes 281-31(q). If a licensee fails to comply with the requirements, they could be cited by the Commission for violation of Rule 31-2 (a)(b) – Operating out of Classification or Category. All "on-premise" licensees will receive an explanatory letter from the Commission within the next week.

During the adjudication portion of the hearing, the Commission took the following actions:

- **Da Dawg House, Waikiki** (no contest) received a \$250 fine for violation of Rule 38-5 (a) (employee consuming liquor).
- Youre Place (guilty) received a \$250 fine for violation of Rule 38-5 (a) (employee consuming liquor), a \$350 fine for violation of Rule 38-9 (a) (non-registered employee) and a \$250 fine for violation of Rule 38-4 (a) (lack of time card).
- **Pon's Nong Khai Thai Restaurant & Bar & Karaoke Lounge** (no contest) received a \$350 fine for violation of Rule 38-9 (a) (non-registered manager or assistant manager).
- **Club Adroom** (no contest) received a \$250 fine for violation of Rule 38-9 (g) (manager's certificate unavailable).
- **Emerald City and Club Gary's** (guilty) received a \$500 fine for violation of Rule 38-20 (b) (liquor available after hours).
- **Club Colorful** (no contest) received a \$500 fine for violation of Rule 78-1 (b) (employee consuming liquor) and a \$1,000 fine for violation of Rule 78-4.2 (fondling).

- **New Renaissance (nka club D'Amour)** (guilty) received a \$500 fine for violation of Rule 78-1 (b) (employee consuming liquor), a \$350 fine for violation of Rule 38-5 (a) (non-registered employee) and a \$350 fine for violation of Rule 38-5 (i) (non-registered hostess).

During the preliminary hearings portion of the meeting, the Commission voted to approve:

- Application from Café Blue, Inc. for the transfer of business and Restaurant General license (Cat. No. 2 Live entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing) of Café Cool, Inc (dba Café Cool) and for a change of trade name to Café Blue, Inc. Also application for a Temporary Restaurant General license.
- Application from **Jeong-Jai Cho** for the transfer of business and Retail General license of **Kyung-Yil An (dba Liquorette Market)**.
- Application from **Pigskins, Inc. (dba Pigskins, Inc.)** for a Dispenser General license (Cat. No. 3 Live entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing).
- Application from Gerald Norman Whitehead (dba AJ Wines) for a Wholesale Beer and Wine license.
- Application from **S C Trading Hawaii Inc. (dba Panya)** for a Restaurant General license (Cat. 2 Live entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing).

In other business, the Commission voted to approve:

- Application from **Tasty Foods of Hawaii, Ltd. (dba Tasty Foods of Hawaii)** for a Temporary Restaurant General license (Cat. No. 2 Live entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing). Also, application for approval of the transfer of capital stock, notification of change in officer status and new stockholder.
- Application from Champion & Co., Ltd. (dba Pearl's Seafood Chinese Restaurant) for a Caterer license.
- Applications from **C&S Lounge**, **Inc.** (**dba Club White Tiger**) and **K.C.C.**, **Inc** (**dba Mokauea Mart**) for approval of the transfer of capital stock and notification of new officer, director and stockholder.
- Request from Host Honolulu Joint Venture Company Inter-Island Terminal, Honolulu International Airport to extend its licensed premises.

The Honolulu Liquor Commission aims to promote our community's health, safety and welfare by effectively and fairly administering Hawaii's liquor laws. For more information about the Commission, please visit www.co.honolulu.hi.us/liq/.